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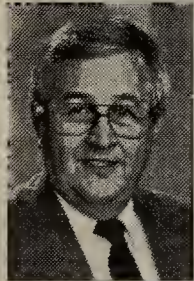
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Akili Sadiki, center, questions Chancellor James Yackel about the racial incident and the administration's handling of the matter. At her left is Lester Longstreet, a witness to the racial slur.

Chancellor Yackel runs into angry mob

BY MARY VERSTEEG-HALL
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Purdue University Calumet Chancellor James Yackel inadvertently walked into a group of protesters, upset over what they believed to be an administrative cover-up of a racial incident which occurred Oct. 8. The protesters had just left the Rally Against Racism in SFLC-100,



Yackel

held on Nov. 14, in order to talk with the Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean of Students Saul Lerner about the incident. Yackel was on his way to speak to the Engineering Department Advisory Committee, when he was stopped by the protesters and questioned for approximately 45 minutes about a white student employee who used a racial slur while being questioned by PUC Police Officer Ron Ervin, regarding PUC student Cordell Davis. The key reason protesters were upset was due to the fact that she was tried in a judiciary hearing as a student and not as a PUC employee. According to sources, the woman made a complaint after she and Davis had a dispute over a parking space for the disabled. Both students have disabilities.

When protesters asked Yackel why he did not fire the woman, he

The Aftermath

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Cordell Davis

said, "I don't know any details. I do not personally investigate cases. The Dean of Students and Affirmative Action does, and they have looked into this. Overall, I'm like a CEO, which means I do a lot of delegating."

Yackel apparently was unaware of the student's employment status at the university. He then was asked to call the English department to find out if she was a university employee. He then called the English department.

"She never taught a class here, but she is a teacher's aid..." said Yackel after the phone call.

Yackel agreed that her possible opinion of African Americans, expressed by her racial slur, would affect her job, saying, "Oh, yes, of course it would."

Akili Sadiki a member of PUC Committee Against Racism, who questioned Yackel for most of the confrontation, asked Yackel if the university has a zero tolerance for racial prejudice. Yackel said he believed so, but that these cases are

dealt with on a case by case basis.

In fact, there was a 1993 memorandum sent to Vice Presidents, Chancellors, Deans, Directors, and Heads of Schools, Divisions, Departments and Offices which addresses harassment of all forms. In partial it states, "It is the policy of Purdue University to maintain the campus as a place of work and study for faculty, staff, and students from all forms of harassment. In providing an educational work climate that is positive and harassment-free, faculty, staff, and students should be aware that harassment in the workplace or the educational environment is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated."

Yackel said to the best of his knowledge the concepts in this memorandum were followed during the hearing.

Yackel discussed the issue of whether or not the student was working for the university during the time of the incident. He said if she was not on campus during her scheduled working hours when this incident occurred, she's not on employment status. And, therefore, she perhaps is not under the same penalties as someone who is on working status.

When asked if he would fire the female involved now that he knows she is a PUC employee, he said, "That's not my job." He said there has to be some formal charges made.

The key witness, Lester

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The Beginning

Student clash in parking lot leads to racial incident

MARTI TRGOVICH
Staff Writer

A PUC graduate student has been tried in a judiciary hearing for admittedly using a racial slur. The incident happened in the presence of a PUC police officer and eyewitness. The graduate student is also an employee of the university.

The students involved, sophomore Cordell Davis and a white female graduate student who asked to remain anonymous, argued in the SFLC parking lot Oct. 8 when the female allegedly kicked Davis' car.

"My friend and I were getting into her van, both of us are legally handicapped and she has the sticker and the plate on her van," the graduate student said. "He (Davis) was illegally parked in the yellow stripes. My leg accidentally hit his car,

which made the car alarm go off."

Davis said he was legally parked in a handicapped space. "I was sitting in my car...listening to my radio when I heard a thump. I rolled down my window and she told me to move...because she couldn't get in her van," he said. "She had kicked or hit my car with her book bags, like telling me to move."

"I told her I could park here because I am in a wheelchair," Davis said. "We then got into an argument."

The female said the argument consisted of Davis yelling racial and derogatory comments at the two women.

Davis, however, said that he did not threaten anyone, but immediately left the scene.

The female went to the SFLC

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The Rally

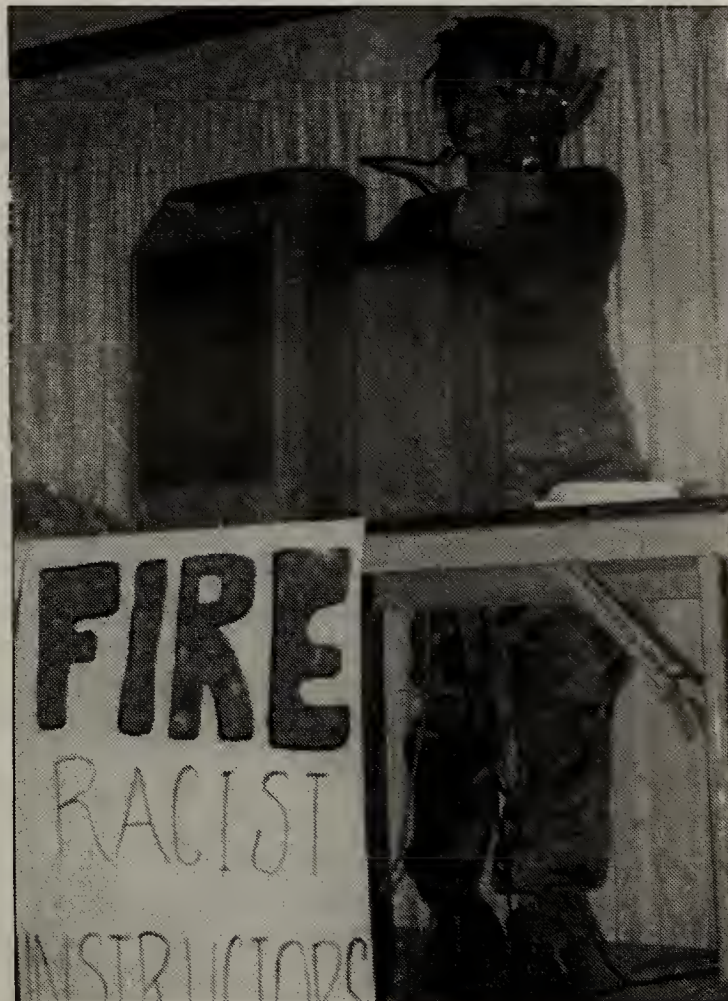


Photo Christopher Kosovich

Akili Sadiki speaks to students in SFLC-100 lounge on Nov. 14 in a rally against racism. Sadiki was speaking about the problems of racism around the country and the recent incident here at Purdue Calumet. The rally was sponsored by CAR, Committee Against Racism.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Advising Center helps get students on right track

Eva Brickman is called "Mom" at home—and sometimes one at work.

That's because in her role as coordinator of our Advising Center (Gyte 181), she and her staff strive to care for, motivate, prepare and encourage nearly 1,900 students to take the necessary steps to qualify for admittance into a degree program.

Generally speaking, the Advising Center is designed to help students make academic as well as career decisions. Trained staff members work with those students—freshmen, adults and others who have returned to Purdue Calumet after having attended some years before—who are undecided about the major course of study they wish to pursue, are under-qualified due to deficiencies in their high school academic background, or who had been dropped from the university previously for academic reasons.

Making career-nurturing decisions

One objective of the Advising Center is to help students make career-nurturing decisions. In addition to helping the students come to grips with their academic direction, the center's staff of trained advisors attempts to acquaint their advisees with the university's wide range of success-enriching services.

"Our goal is to try to get these students into a degree track ASAP," Brickman said. "We look at each student individually, we treat each student individually, and then we move them along."

Previously, there were two advising centers on campus: one for each undergraduate degree track school. But with academic administrative restructuring having expanded the number of schools to four this year, it was determined that a more effective and efficient approach was to have a single Advising Center.

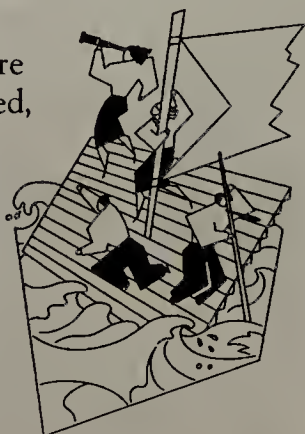


"Students can get comfortable here (in the Advising Center),

and sometimes that makes it hard to move them along and out of our influence into a degree track," said Brickman, who supervises a staff of two full time advisors, two faculty advisors and two graduate student assistants.

"Our philosophy is to make sure our students get what they need, and that they do what they're supposed to do—sometimes, whether they want to or not."

She does sound like a mom, doesn't she?



At a glance around campus

Black Student Union sponsors food drive

The BSU is sponsoring their annual food drive until Nov. 24. Donate non-perishable food items in boxes located in Porter, Gyte, Lawshe and Student Faculty Library Center. Items may also be donated in the BSU office SFLC-324D.

Green Coalition sponsors information booth

The Green Coalition is sponsoring an information booth Tuesday, Nov. 25 and Wednesday, Nov. 26 in the SFLC concourse from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Green Coalition is looking for student opinions about the organization and invite students to complete a survey.

Students of Compassion sponsors speaker

Ted Zegar, columnist and author, will be speaking about his 25 years as a strict vegetarian on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in SFLC-321 at 7 p.m.. The program is for anyone interested in animal rights, vegetarianism, ethics or astrology.

Diabetes Support Group to meet

Due to Thanksgiving, the Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, Nov. 25 in SFLC-305 at 7 p.m. People with diabetes and their loved ones are welcome. For more information, contact Constance Karras at 836-5461 or 989-2175.

Awareness Players present HIV/AIDS performance

Awareness Players will be performing an interactive performance titled "A Woman's Personal Journey: Fighting Ignorance with Hope and Acceptance" on World AIDS Day Monday, Dec. 1 in Alumni Hall at 4 p.m. There is no charge for this performance.

Form more information or reservation call Dianne Mitro at 989-2188.

Poetry reading and open mike night

Students of Compassion will be sponsoring a poetry read and open microphone night on Tuesday, Dec. 2 in SFLC-321 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and speak. For more information call Lisa at 844-4114.

Dress for success workshop

Have you ever wondered about how to dress for an interview? What about my ear-

rings and nose ring? Do I need to spend a lot of money to look "Professional?"

If you wonder about how to look professional in today's changing world, and if you're a Purdue student or alumni, come to the career development & placement's "Dress for Success" workshop Wednesday, Dec. 3 in SFLC-321 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 989-2419.

Green Coalition final semester meeting

The Green Coalition will meet Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the group study room of the library at 3:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the semester. The Green Coalition may be contacted by e-mail at green_puc@axp.calumet.purdue.edu

Several slots remain for free health exams

Some appointment slots remain available Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, Dec. 4 at noon and 4 p.m. for local adults interested in receiving free, basic health assessment examinations by registered nurses enrolled in Purdue Calumet's baccalaureate degree nursing program. Participants should be prepared to spend three to four hours for the exam. Appointments are being taken by the Purdue Calumet Department of Nursing at 989-2814 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

PUC Physics Seminar Series

"Artificially structured materials: After the Iron Age" will be presented by Dr. Andrew Gavrin of Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, Thursday, Dec. 4 in GYTE-208 from 4 to 4:50 p.m.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at 3:40 p.m. in GYTE-208

Hispanic issues conference

Purdue Upward Bound and The Northwest Indiana Hispanic Coordinating Council presents the 9th Annual Conference on Hispanic Issues "Civil Rights and the Hispanic Community" Saturday, Dec. 6 in Alumni Hall from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will address, motivate, and involve the community on concerns and issues regarding civil rights, immigration, education, and the workforce on both national and local levels. Additionally, a special citizenship swearing-in ceremony will take place.

For more information contact the Upward Bound office at 989-2392.

Quote of the week

'I would like a medium Vodka dry Martini-- with a slice of lemon peel. Shaken and not stirred, please.'

-Ian (Lancaster) Fleming
1908-1964

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around campus

Running club canceled

Due to lack of interest, the running Club has been canceled for the remainder of the semester. Provided that there is interest, the running club will resume in the spring.

Sigma Lambda Beta seeking new members

Are you determined to succeed? Do you wish to develop your leadership skills? The Brothers of Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity Inc. strongly believes in the principles of brotherhood, scholarship, service, and cultural awareness. We are looking for motivated men to carry on the tradition. For more information about Sigma Lambda Beta contact Jose Magallanes, Chapter President, at 473-0298.

Overeaters anonymous

Do you eat to escape from worries of troubles? Does your eating behavior make you or others unhappy? If you have a problem with food, we welcome you. Attend the Overeaters Anonymous meeting on Thursdays at in PORT-

202 5 p.m. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins.

For more information contact Deborah Wade at 989-2366.

Women to Women seeking new members

Women to Women is looking for new members. Anyone interested should come by the Women to Women office in SFLC-324C or stop by the Office of Student Activities in SFLC-343 for more information.

Chronicle announces meeting schedule

The Chronicle has issued the new meeting times for the fall semester. Business and Advertising Department will meet Mondays at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., Production Department will meet Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., News Department will meet Mondays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If you are interested in becoming part of the staff, fill out an application and attend one of the meetings. Stop by the office in SFCL-344H or call 989-2547.

Incident

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building to call the PUC police. "I gave the plate number to the cops, but Davis had driven away, so while they were looking for him, I was talking to Ron (Officer Ervin) in the (SFLC) vestibule." The graduate student said she knew Ervin would support Davis because of his race by using a derogatory racial comment.

PUC freshman Lester Longstreet witnessed the exchange between the officer and the graduate student. "I saw an officer and a student," he said. "I heard the officer ask, 'Ma'am, can you come back here?' three times." Longstreet said that the graduate student returned to the officer and then used the derogatory racial comment.

Davis filed a complaint with the Dean of Students after the incident. However, he said he was not happy with the results of the judiciary hearing. "They said they took care of it, but I don't believe it," he said. "I feel she should apologize to me and everybody else it affected. And I believe she still should be fired (from her university job)."

Although Davis was informed of the judiciary hearing, he said he was not told how the female was disciplined. "They said it was confidential," Davis said.

The female said the Vice Chancellor of Student Services spoke to her.

While the female agrees that her language was harsh, she said she did not provoke the incident in the first place. "In no way am I racist, not ever," she said. "I already apologized for my comment once and I think all of this should never have happened."

According to the female, the incident remained quiet until Nov. 13 when PUC's Committee Against Racism's Rally Against Racism focused on the incident. "It was over with, until the rally, at which point the police and administration became concerned for my safety," she said. "(I feel) extremely unsafe. I feel that I am physically in danger."

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Cordell Davis, student

Mob

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Longstreet, then said he would make a complaint. "We want to do this institutionally, or else somebody might get hurt," said Longstreet. The witness says that the fact that she is still working on this campus in a mentoring fashion makes him uncomfortable. "I feel I couldn't go to her for help because of what she said. She still has power over me, and that's not right."

Yackel tried to contact Affirmative Action Officer Ralph Ocon so that the witness could make his complaint. He then counseled the student about how he could reach Ocon, suggesting the witness e-mail him.

Shortly after that, Professor of History and Political Science Gene E. DeFelice made a comment about being sanctioned by Bryant. Yackel, believing DeFelice was speaking about him, said his statement was a lie, and that he was done answering questions. He was then escorted out of the building by police.

In a later interview, Yackel said he understands why protesters believe the judiciary hearing is a cover-up, saying confidentiality laws prohibit the university from discussing what occurs during judiciary hearings.

"What is meant to give students privacy leaves a bad feeling," Yackel said.

Sponsored by CAR, the rally's intent was to discuss racism across campuses, including the PUC campus. CAR is a communist based group, who believes capitalism promotes racism. Key speakers included President of the Black Student Union Corey Jackson, Sadiki, and Professor of Behavioral Sciences Allan J. Spector.

Even though the rally was held in part because of this incident, neither Davis nor the woman involved were present at the rally or when Yackel was being questioned afterwards.

Davis said he and Vice Chancellor of Student Services Mary Didelot, who presided over the judiciary hearing, discussed the woman's employment status, when he met with Didelot to make a complaint.

"They (the administrators) knew she was an employee, we (Didelot and myself) talked about it during my appointment with her. The administration just smacked her on the hand. It makes me feel disgusted that they (PUC) have people like that working at Purdue."

Davis has some reservations about returning to school next semester. "If they (the administration) don't do something, I probably won't come back. I don't want to return, if they let racism go on."

After the rally, the woman who used the racial slur said she feels unsafe.

"I feel that I am physically in danger," she said.

Before the rally Sadiki, who is currently working on a degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice at PUC, said she hoped this rally would get students to participate more in issues dealing with what she believes to be real issues, issues other than academics.

As to the parking lot incident between the black male and white female, she said, "How can you instruct a student of color if you have these beliefs? These things surface. There should be zero tolerance. Firing her would be an example set for others."

Jackson made it clear that neither he nor BSU is

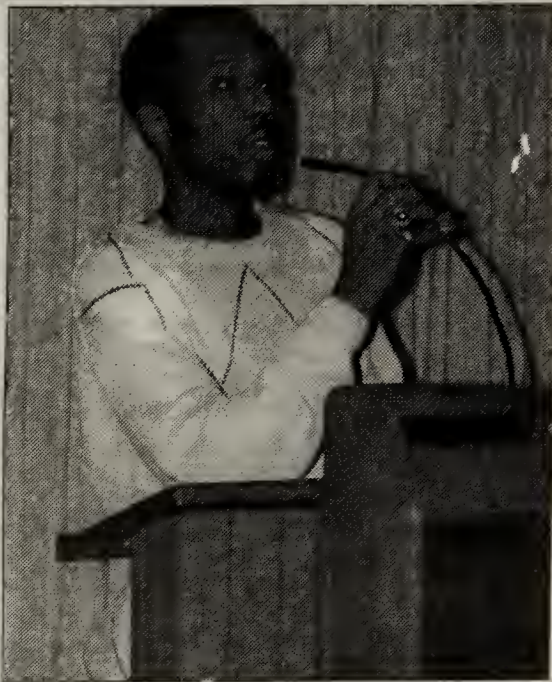


Photo by Christopher Kosovich

Corey Jackson, president of the Black Student Union, speaks during the rally against racism.

affiliated with CAR.

"My thing is the issue with Cordell," said Jackson. "The administration has a problem with covering up crime. (Because she is) a faculty member, they should have taken action."

As to whether or not Jackson felt the rally had an impact, he said, "The rally had no significance at all. In fact, it might have sent Cordell back. It left a sour stench. It wasn't what I thought it would be."

Before the rally Jackson said he thought the incident was an administrative cover-up, but now he says he has since learned some things.

"It was a lack of knowledge on the administration's part," said Jackson.

Dean of Students Leo Bryant, who was accused in a flier put out by CAR of covering up the investigation, had this to say:

"We try to deal with students on a fair basis during investigations. We do not have lower standards for students or student employees. We jumped right on the complaint. We worked together on it. We decided on what we believed to be an appropriate response as it relates to the University."

"I still strongly feel, with the information we had at the time, we made the right decision. We did not think to judge her as an employee. I marched with Doctor Martin Luther King when I was a student at Alabama State University. I know what the civil rights struggle was all about. It (the judicial hearing) was done in a fair and equitable way."

Davis stated on Nov. 20 that he and Yackel had an appointment, Nov. at 2 p.m., during which time he planned to resubmit a complaint.

PUC Police Chief Steve Chaddock said he had no comment.

Didelot was away on jury duty and unavailable for comment.

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More forms at tax time, for some

Now that Illinois and Indiana have ended the 25 year old agreement in which workers in both Illinois and Indiana file state income returns in only the state in which they live, the states could have come up with a better method of filing the tax returns.

Now, workers who cross the state line to go to work will have to file income tax returns in both Illinois and Indiana. This all amounts to more headaches and confusion. This is just adding insult to injury for many citizens who already feel taxes are too high. Not only will workers be paying their taxes, they will also have to deal with more forms.

In addition to the new income tax filing system, the state of Illinois has suggested that it receive some of the state income tax dollars that Indiana has received in the past from workers that moved to Indiana but continued to work at their jobs in Illinois.

Illinois is requesting that Indiana pay \$10 million immediately. This is about half of what Illinois claims to have lost annually through the old system.

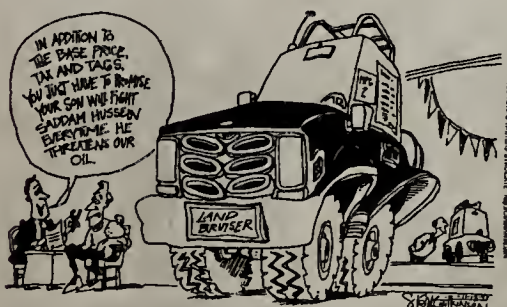
Illinois should forget about the \$10 million. Illinois should deal with the present and work for a better future rather than dwelling in the past. Don't waste any more tax dollars trying to figure out what Illinois may have lost.

Spend our tax dollars more efficiently and maybe things like an extra form at tax time won't seem like such a big deal.

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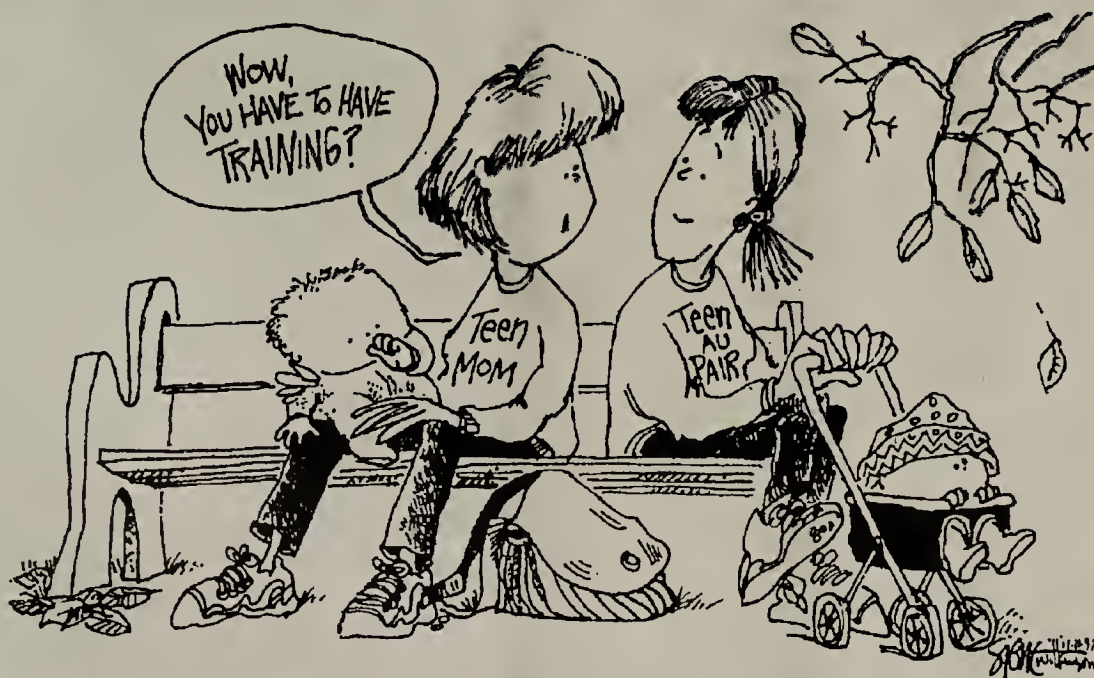
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There are more important matters than dictionaries to worry about

View from elsewhere

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The other day I noticed that the NAACP has threatened to boycott Webster's Dictionary if it refuses to remove the word "nigger" from its pages. When I read about their intentions, all I could say was, "Why?"

Considering the sad state of affairs in the black community, it appears to me that the NAACP has better things to do than protest the fact that the word "nigger" is still in print. That's like UK basketball coach Tubby Smith spending three weeks of practice time deciding what color uniforms to wear.

I remember a time in my life when calling me a nigger was the fastest way to find your face in the ground. After hearing that word, my body was trained to enter a deep state of immediate sensory shutdown. Time would stop and the room would become quiet. Everyone in my line of vision would disappear, except for that dirty bastard who had the nerve to call me that name. It didn't matter if he was 10 feet tall or three times my size. The simple fact was that this person had to die.

It was really out of my control.

As I got older, I began to realize that racism has many faces, few of which involve the use of the word "nigger." Most racists never use the word, but they call you a nigger in everything they do.

There are politicians who never use the word, but their actions show nothing less than a very intense hatred of black people. If you agree that actions speak louder than words,

then I am called a nigger at least 857 times a day.

I no longer get offended when I hear the "N" word. I guess it's because even though I don't exactly know what a nigger is, I do know that I certainly am not one. Also, as long as we focus our energy on a single word and allow it to push our button so easily, it will take attention off more important issues. Hence the NAACP. My mama always told me that when somebody gives you money, they are usually buying influ-

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ence, whether it be intentional or not. If you come to rely on their money, you really can't do anything that offends without some sort of financial repercussion.

The problem encountered by the NAACP is that the huge amounts of money they receive from American corporations makes them incapable of serving as a true advocate for African Americans.

For example, if they were to protest the fact that there are far too many liquor stores placed in the black community, they would probably offend the alcoholic beverage companies that give them thousands of dollars every year. If a Union Carbide doesn't want to take too much heat for placing toxic

waste plants in black neighborhoods, I would imagine that a multimillion-dollar donation to the NAACP would do the trick. To have non-black companies support the organization most responsible for defending the rights of African Americans is like having neighborhood drug dealers funding the police department. As noble as their intentions may be, a conflict of interest is inevitable. So the NAACP really can't do much more than it is doing right now.

Even right here on the UK campus, the leadership in the Minority Affairs Department was unable to protest UK President Charles Wethington's attempt to cover up the racially motivated attack of a black female student. Their hesitation probably had to do with the fact that Wethington signs their paychecks every week.

While this is certainly understood, it leaves me wondering who is going to stand up for black students when they need protection. Like the NAACP, I could only see Minority Affairs taking a stand if someone were to call us niggers in public, unless of course, that person was a high-ranking University official.

I've always felt that the best thing about being poor is that nobody owns you. The naivete of my youth tells me that being black, educated and totally free would be more valuable than any sort of financial compensation. I like to think that my integrity will never have a price, but after witnessing the "spiritual transformations" of some of my elders, I get a little worried.

So, I agree that the "N" word is not good; I hope they get rid of it. But we should take a lesson from Tubby Smith: After you pick the color of your uniforms, it's time to start winning some games.

Attention Students!

The information desk needs your help! Do you prefer to watch CNN on the scrolling video kiosques in the SFLC building or would you rather see building hours and campus information?

Drop by the information desk ground floor of SFLC by the library stairwell and let them know your opinion.

Thanksgiving: A time to reminisce with family, friends

BY ERIC J. SCHWIER
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Have you ever just sat back and thought about why we celebrate Thanksgiving? For some, it is a time to remember the hardships of those who helped settle this country. Others may look at it as more of a general 'thanks' for all the gifts in their life.

Then there are those who think it is a day to go to Grandma's house, pig out on turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and then pass out while watching football on TV. OK. We all know someone like that. You may even be that person. But that is all right because everyone is getting together, having fun rehashing the old times, remembering holidays past.

Several individuals shared what kinds of things they remembered on previous Thanksgivings. Daren Samplawski said his very large family goes up to Wisconsin each year. The guys go hunting and finish out the rest of the weekend before Thanksgiving with beer and beans around the fire.

During the actual holiday, the family tries to behave and have fun at the same time. Kathy Hunt said the last time her family went deer hunting, the guys came back and called the rest of the family out to see their prize strapped to the front of the car. As they walked up, the deer woke up out of shock and started kicking. "The dumb guys thought it was dead. When it started moving, they jumped higher than we did!"

My favorite memory related to Thanksgiving is an episode WKRP in Cincinnati. Mr. Carlson and Les Nesman decided to rent a helicopter and drop turkeys from the sky. The news called it the Thanksgiving Massacre. All Mr. Carlson could say was, "I thought turkeys could fly."

It seems that Thanksgiving isn't the most exciting time of year for most people. Good times and family fun seem to be what most of us experience.

There is nothing wrong with that. We need to start enjoying the time we have with our families. Get together with them and get drunk or watch football. Stuff yourselves like a turkey if you have to. Relish the time you have with your family. Next year you may be thankful for the times you had with the people who won't be able to come anymore. But don't look at the holiday that way. Just look at it as a time to be happy and thankful for what you have today.

I will be sitting around the table with my family, listening to Alice's Restaurant, again, while my little cousin throws food on the wall. Once again, I will eat too much, tell my mother it was good, and try to pass out on the sofa. Just be thankful, you won't have to clean up after my cousin. Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble! Gobble!

An Ounce of Prevention



Bob Hnida, RN

Often patients come to the Emergency Room with mouth pain because of a cavity they have ignored for too long. Not much can be done for this patient except for what a dentist can do. The ER physician will probably prescribe some antibiotics and maybe, MAYBE, some Tylenol with codeine and tell the patient to see a dentist. But the largest and most painful part of the ER visit will be a bill for about \$200.00. Most dental emergencies do not belong in an emergency room unless there is some trauma to the face or mouth area. To save you a couple of hundred bucks here are some things you can do for yourself and your children.

What do I do for inflamed or swollen gums?

Often due to poor hygiene, a

Vitamin C deficiency or systemic problem, gums can be rinsed thoroughly in warm salt water or a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and water (about 1:20 mixture). Either of these should be rinsed in the mouth for about 15-30 seconds four times daily. This and brushing should help clear the problem with results noted in a few days. If there is no improvement of brushing 3-4 times a day and flossing daily then a diet evaluation should be considered.

What do I do for a toothache?

Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean any debris from the cavity. How do you know if the water is the correct temperature? If it is too hot or cold you will know it when the water hits the tooth (and your head hits the ceiling). If you have some swelling

you can apply a cold compress and take some Ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil) to help with pain and inflammation. DO NOT apply aspirin to the skin as it can cause a chemical burn to the skin. The next thing you should do is make an appointment with a dentist.

Bleeding and tooth extraction

Sometimes after a tooth extraction bleeding may continue for longer than expected. Unless the patient is taking blood thinners (Coumadin, Aspirin) there is rarely a need to go to the ER. Rinsing and swishing should NOT be done for at least 24 hours after the tooth is pulled. The gum will be sore and this is not a canker sore, this is a yanker sore (get it?) Seriously, bleeding is normal. Also, straws should not be used. The sucking action will

dislodge the clot that is forming. Don't be alarmed if there seems to be a lot of blood oozing from the site. Because blood is mixing with saliva it may appear there is more bleeding than is actually the case. Biting down on a sterile 4x4 gauze for about 30 minutes will help. Replace them as often as needed. And I do mean BITE down. If these instructions are followed you should see improvement. As with a bloody nose, too many people want to peek after five minutes to see if there is still bleeding. This dislodges any clots. Bite down for thirty minutes and don't peek.

It's pretty simple. You get a set of baby teeth (primary) to practice on. Then you get a set of permanent teeth for the rest of your life. Brush and floss. It's an ounce of prevention that is worth a pound of cure.

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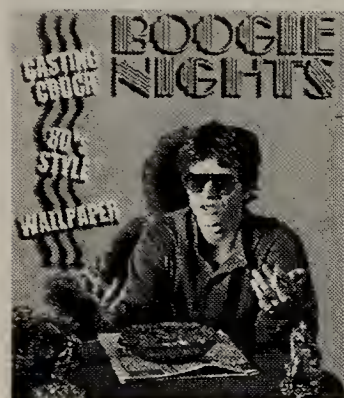
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We now know to be careful what we wish for. A few weeks ago we were just discussing how they have all these movies for men that expose women's bodies, but none for us girls. When we went and saw the movie Boogie Nights they



proved us wrong, our wish came true.

The movie is about the porn industry in the '70s and '80s. It starts out in a night club where Eddie Adams (Mark Wahlberg) works and is discovered by Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds) a porn producer. He invites Eddie back to his house to see if he is interested in pursuing a career in film. There he meets Rollergirl (Heather Graham) who he shares his talent with. There he also meets Amber

Porn given a whole new look

Waves (Julianne Moore), mother of the porn industry.

Because of problems at home and dreams of stardom, he decides to go for it. After his decision he changes his name to Dirk Diggler, and starts making one film after another, quickly escalating to the top. He even wins several awards for his performances.

The film takes us through the lives and times of often misunderstood porn actors through the late '70s and early '80s. It shows how quickly one can rise and fall in the business.

Our views:

Plot

Jamee: Well the LONG drawn out plot had a few funny lines, but to me it seemed to drag on and on. I think it showed more than I ever cared to see. This movie definitely should have been rated NC17 instead of R. It was more like a cheap porno.

Kelly: Some of the sex scenes are hard to handle, but then again that is what the movie is about. I liked how the film portrayed the actors as more of a family. Jack was the dad, Amber the mom, and the actors were like their children. I do not agree that the movie was just a cheap porn, I just think that you needed to look deeper into the meaning to understand what the movie was trying to

show.

Highlights

Jamee: Hmm... At this point I think the best part of the movie was the popcorn that I was eating once I convinced Kelly we should add butter.

Kelly: I liked the reconciliation between Jack and Dirk near the end of the movie.

Actors

Jamee: My favorite character was Rollergirl. I thought it was funny how she never did anything without her skates on. Other than that, I can't say too much about the acting.

Kelly: I thought that Julianne Moore did an excellent job of playing a mother who has lost custody of her son to her ex-husband. She was realistic in dealing with the problem as well as her drug addiction.

Additional comments

Jamee: I saw way too many naked chicks and Dirk's genitalia was fake! But if it was real I would date him any day! I also did not like the idea of putting homosexuals in a movie about pornos. I thought that story line did not need to be addressed in this type of movie.

Kelly: I totally got into the music of the '70s and '80s, and I thought the costumes were great.

Ratings (out of five stars)

Jamee: ★★

Kelly: ★★★★★



NBC's new sitcom lineup is shoddy

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"Working" with Fred Savage airs Wednesdays 8:30 p.m. Savage stars as a young college graduate Matt Peyser who is trying to stick to his surreal corporate education while climbing the corporate ladder. Peyser is determined to do this by his own hard work and merits rather than by the style-over-substance alternatives preferred by the top-dog executives at Peyser's monolithic, multinational company. This show is so bad that it makes you yearn for the humor of young Ricky (sorry, Rick) Schroder in "Silver Spoons." Savage suffers from the Macaulay Culkin syndrome. Do yourself a favor and turn off the television during this show and finish your Sociology 100 homework.

"Veronica's Closet" Stars Kirstie Alley and airs Thursdays 8:30 p.m. Alley plays the title character Veronica "Ronnie" Chase. The set is based in an upscale lingerie company and focuses on her beginning life anew after dumping her skirt-chasing husband. The show also stars Dan Cortese (oh joy). The creators of this show forgot one thing when making this debacle. They forgot to make it funny. Why one might ask? The answer pure and simple: Kirstie Alley is the star.

"Jenny" airs Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Jenny McCarthy portrays Jenny McMillian (Would it be too hard to use a different first name? I would hope that Miss McCarthy would be able to



respond to the dialogue if she used a different first name). The show is about Jenny and her friend Maggie (Heather Paige Kent) who have dead-end jobs in Utica, New York. They decide to leave Utica and head to California after Jenny inherits her father's mansion in the Hollywood Hills. Jenny decides to stay in California seeking out glamour, adventure and gainful employment. Sadly, the best part of this show is Jenny's and Maggie's outer beauty rather than the women's comedic talent. You would be better served by getting a copy of a Playboy with Jenny McCarthy's pictures in it and tune into King of the Hill over on Fox.

Ally a bright spot in TV wasteland

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She's a lawyer with a heart. Although it sounds contradictory, it makes for a great show. This season's "Ally McBeal" on Fox airs Monday at 7 p.m. and is what I call this year's best new show. Ally (Calista Flockhart) is a young lawyer who lands a job in a great law firm. The only problem is that her ex-boyfriend Billy (Gil Bellows), who she never got over, is also an employee there. Only now he is happily married. The worst part is that his wife Georgia (Courtney Thome-Smith) is actually a nice person, and a good lawyer.

The show gives the viewers a look at not only her cases but all the problems in her social life that she is trying to work through. She is a real woman with real problems that people can relate to. This is what makes a Ally a great show.

The show is worth watching just to see Ally's boss Richard Fish (Greg Germann). He is the nicest insensitive man anyone could ever meet and her assistant Elaine (Jane Krakowski) is always a pain. Although she always tries to be helpful, she ends up making things worse. In Ally's words "And this is who they give me to help ease my day."

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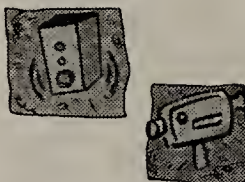
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